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**Re: OPP Commissioner's Email to Haldimand Council**

**Dear Commissioner Fantino:**

On April 7, 2007 you sent an email to the Haldimand Council regarding my Democratic Right to Free Expression as outlined by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

As an Officer with many years of experience you should be well aware that the Supreme Court of Canada has agreed with Parliament that Canada is a Democracy and not a Police State. As such you should be the First to agree that all Police Forces are required, within any Democracy, to uphold individual Rights and Freedoms.

It is truly unfortunate for the People of Ontario that you do not see that the Charter of Rights and Freedom of Expression are topics worthy of your time to talk about.

For 3 months you have repeatedly slandered me on T.V., on Radio and in the printed media. However, to date not one officer has been hurt or harmed at any events I have had in Caledonia.

Furthermore, OPP Inspector McLean personally phoned me and thanked me on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> for having such a peaceful March. (audio tape of that call is available on request)

To date I have broken no laws and have had no violence at any of my events. However, you continue to make numerous slanderous statements in the public forum. As you stated you are unwilling to talk about the Charter of Rights or Freedom of Speech but apparently you have the time to use school yard bully tactics against an average citizen of Canada.

Your actions have already caused a few lawsuits to be filed against the Ontario Government and your last character attack will just increase the claim against the Ontario Government.

Under your leadership over the past 4 months the OPP has taken a pro-active role to intimidate anyone who believes they have the Right to Free Speech. To date the following are the steps the OPP have taken:

- 1) Numerous Press Releases attacking people's characters;
- 2) Creating a fail charge against a resident on Dec. 2 and placing that person in jail
  - a. A Lawsuit has been filed regarding this;
- 3) Illegally arresting two people on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> for trying to put up Canadian Flags
  - a. Ontario Government is on notice of pending Lawsuit;
- 4) Illegally holding me in jail overnight when OPP officers admitted to the public there were no charges
  - a. Ontario Government is on notice of pending Lawsuit;
- 5) Calling in London Riot Team on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> to stop people from putting up a Canadian Flag;
- 6) Illegally removing a Canadian Flag that had been put up in accordance with a 1993 Supreme Court Ruling;
- 7) Direct Intimidation of Democratically elected leaders (Haldimand Council) to follow OPP example of Slandering average citizens;
- 8) Direct Intimidation of a Democratically elected leader (Mr. Grice) as an attempt to control his Freedom of Speech.

Mr. Fantino, Canada is a democratic country and you have no authority to attempt to silence Mr. Grice. He has a Right, more than that, he has the Authority as an elected person to speak out against the OPP if that is what he wants to do. Your direct attack to intimidate Mr. Grice is an attack against Democracy itself.

Under your leadership OPP officers have already filed false charges against people, already illegally placed people in jail and illegally held them overnight without any charges.

What is next, the false imprisonment of elected officials or the picking up of people in the middle of the night? At what point Mr. Fantino do you see that you are acting directly against the People of Ontario and against Freedom itself?

I call upon you to issue a public apology to Mr. Grice and to myself, then you should resign. Your direct affront to the whole democratic system and an affront to Freedom in the Country are no longer acceptable.

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